AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 609 OFFERED BY MR. HINOJOSA OF TEXAS

(for himself and Mr. Grijalva of Arizona, Mr. Fortuño of Puerto Rico, and Mr. Tiberi of Ohio)

Strike section 504 of the Amendment and insert the following:

l SEC. 504. POSTBACCALAUREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS-

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7	PANIC AMERICANS
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- 3 (a) Establishment of Program.—Title V of the
- 4 Higher Education Act is amended—
- 5 (1) by redesignating part B as part C;
- 6 (2) by redesignating sections 511 through 518
- 7 as sections 521 through 528, respectively; and
- 8 (3) by inserting after section 505 (20 U.S.C.
- 9 1101d) the following new part:

10 "PART B—PROMOTING POSTBACCALAUREATE

11 OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS

- 12 "SEC. 511. PURPOSES.
- "The purposes of this part are—
- "(1) to expand postbaccalaureate educational
- opportunities for, and improve the academic attain-
- ment of, Hispanic students; and



1	"(2) to expand the postbaccalaureate academic
2	offerings and enhance the program quality in the in-
3	stitutions that are educating the majority of His-
4	panic college students and helping large numbers of
5	Hispanic and low-income students complete postsec-
6	ondary degrees.
7	"SEC. 512. PROGRAM AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBILITY.
8	"(a) Program Authorized.—Subject to the avail-
9	ability of funds appropriated to carry out this part, the
10	Secretary shall award competitive grants to Hispanic-serv-
11	ing institutions determined by the Secretary to be making
12	substantive contributions to graduate educational opportu-
13	nities for Hispanic students.
14	"(b) Eligibility.—For the purposes of this part, an
15	'eligible institution' means an institution of higher edu-
16	cation that—
17	"(1) is an eligible institution under section
18	502(a)(2); and
19	"(2) offers a postbaccalaureate certificate or de-
20	gree granting program.
21	"SEC. 513. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.
22	"Grants awarded under this part shall be used for



23 one or more of the following activities:

1	"(1) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or
2	laboratory equipment for educational purposes, in-
3	cluding instructional and research purposes.
4	"(2) Construction, maintenance, renovation,
5	and improvement of classrooms, libraries, labora-
6	tories, and other instructional facilities, including
7	purchase or rental of telecommunications technology
8	equipment or services.
9	"(3) Purchase of library books, periodicals,
10	technical and other scientific journals, microfilm,
11	microfiche, and other educational materials, includ-
12	ing telecommunications program materials.
13	"(4) Support for needy postbaccalaureate stu-
14	dents including outreach, academic support services,
15	mentoring, scholarships, fellowships, and other fi-
16	nancial assistance to permit the enrollment of such
17	students in postbaccalaureate certificate and degree
18	granting programs.
19	"(5) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty de-
20	velopment, faculty research, curriculum development,
21	and academic instruction.
22	"(6) Creating or improving facilities for Inter-
23	net or other distance learning academic instruction
24	capabilities, including purchase or rental of tele-

communications technology equipment or services.



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1	"(7) Collaboration with other institutions of
2	higher education to expand postbaccalaureate certifi-
3	cate and degree offerings.
4	"(8) Other activities proposed in the application
5	submitted pursuant to section 514 that—
6	"(A) contribute to carrying out the pur-
7	poses of this part; and
8	"(B) are approved by the Secretary as part
9	of the review and acceptance of such applica-
10	tion.
11	"SEC. 514. APPLICATION AND DURATION.
12	"(a) Application.—Any eligible institution may
13	apply for a grant under this part by submitting an applica-
14	tion to the Secretary at such time and in such manner
15	as determined by the Secretary. Such application shall
16	demonstrate how the grant funds will be used to improve
17	postbaccalaureate education opportunities in programs
18	and professions in which Hispanic Americans are under-
19	represented.
20	"(b) Duration.—Grants under this part shall be
21	awarded for a period not to exceed 5 years.
22	"(c) Limitation.—The Secretary shall not award
23	more than 1 grant under this part in any fiscal year to
24	any Hispanic-serving institution.".



1	(b) Cooperative Arrangements.—Section 524 (as
2	redesignated by subsection (a)(2)) (20 U.S.C. 1103c) is
3	amended by inserting "and section 513" after "section
4	503".
5	SEC. 505. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
6	Subsection (a) of section 528 (as redesignated by sec-
7	tion 504(a)(2) of this Act) (20 U.S.C. 1103g) is amended
8	to read as follows:
9	"(a) Authorizations.—
10	"(1) Part A.—There are authorized to be ap-
11	propriated to carry out part A and part C of this
12	title \$96,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such
13	sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 suc-
14	ceeding fiscal years.
15	"(2) Part B.—There are authorized to be ap-
16	propriated to carry out part B of this title
17	\$59,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as
18	may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal



years.".

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